

CASE: 1224

=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

12 December 1975

ON 6 JULY 1968 LCPL THOMAS P. MAHONEY III LEFT THE PERIMETER OF AN OUTPOST LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 881 IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AT GRID COORDINATES XD 773 441. ANOTHER MEMBER OF HIS UNIT HEARD SMALL ARMS FIRE AND HEARD LCPL MAHONEY CALL FOR HELP. A SMALL REACTION FORCE WAS SENT OUT TO CHECK THE AREA AND SAW LCPL MAHONEY LYING AT THE BOTTOM OF A HILL. THE REACTION FORCE MADE THREE ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER HIM AND SUFFERED CASUALTIES EACH TIME. AIR ASSISTANCE WAS CALLED IN TO HELP AND IT WAS LATER STATED THAT THE BODY OF LCPL MAHONEY WAS SEEN AND THAT IT HAD BEEN HIT BY FIRE FROM THE PLANES.

THE RECOVERY MISSION FINALLY WAS CALLED OFF DUE TO TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. LCPL MAHONEY IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== REFERENCES ===

12 December 1975

REFERENCES USED: <1> RPT, HQ 1ST BN, 1ST MARINES, 1ST MARDIV, 27 JUL 68. <2> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 August 1993

ON 12 JUL 93, IE3 TRAVELED TO RUON HAMLET, HUONG TAN VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TO INTERVIEW LOCAL RESIDENTS CONCERNING THE INVESTIGATION OF CASE 1224. THE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF THE NEAREST HAMLET, RUON HAMLET, COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CASE 1224. NO WITNESSES WERE PROVIDED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION AND LOCAL RESIDENTS COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. A SURFACE SEARCH OF THE U.S. RECORD SITE YIELDED NO REMAINS OR BURIAL SITES DISCOVERED AT THE SITE. (REF 2)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 18 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1225-0-01 (ACCNO 5233)  
Name: BIRD, LEONARD ADRIAN

Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status assigned: 13 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	02	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	73 in / 1.85 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	182 lb / 82.4 kg	Duty pos	RIO
Home State	DELAWARE	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QXD835345  
Lat/Long: 163513N / 1064313E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 1  
Mission Province: QUANG TRI  
(formerly):  
Mission District: HUONG HOA  
Mission Date: 13 Jul 1968  
Mission Category: 2  
Local Analysis: Remote area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Dec 92  
Investigations: Jun 93  
Surveys: Jun 93  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: CRASH SITE  
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	F4B	Serial:	150650
Crash Type:	Enemy action	Engine Type:	J7915
Call Sign:	#	1 Serial:	#
Year:	\$	2 Serial:	#

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===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1225-0-02 (ACCNO 5439)      Status: (N) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Name: HURST, JOHN CLARK      Date Status assigned: 13 Jul 1968

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	#
Service	MARINE CORPS	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	03	Hair	BLACK	Complexion	RUDDY
SSAN		Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	DATA	Height	69 in / 1.75 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	165 lb / 74.7 kg	Duty pos	PILOT
Home State	TEXAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	\$

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

27 March 1975

ON 13 JULY 1968 CAPT JOHN C. HURST, PILOT, AND LT LEONARD A. BIRD, RADAR INTERCEPTER OFFICER, WERE CREWMEN OF AN F4B AIRCRAFT (BUNO #150650) AS LEAD OF A TWO AIRCRAFT STRIKE FORMATION ON A MISSION NEAR KHE SANH, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. DURING CAPT HURST'S ATTACK ON THE SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITION, THE WINGMAN SAW THE AIRCRAFT BECOME ENGULFED IN FLAMES JUST AFTER THE BOMB RELEASE POINT, THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED NEAR ENEMY FORCES WITH NO CREW EJECTION OBSERVED; AT COORDINATES XD 835345. THE WINGMAN'S REPORT OF THIS INCIDENT CORRELATED WITH THAT OF THE FRIENDLY GROUND FORCES.

THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND EXPLODED IN AN OPEN AREA WHICH WAS TOO CLOSE TO ENEMY FORCES FOR A RECOVERY ATTEMPT. (REF 1)

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THESE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. CAPT HURST AND LT BIRD ARE CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

9 November 1984

SOURCE REPORTED HEARSAY INFORMATION OF LOCAL INHABITANTS WHO WERE CANNIBALIZING A WRECKED AIRCRAFT CONTAINING THE REMAINS OF ONE PERSON NEAR KHE SANH. THIS POTENTIALLY CORRELATES TO CPT HURST AND 1LT BIRD. (REF 2)

=== REFERENCES ===

9 November 1984

REFERENCES: <1> MSG, MARA IR GRV 13, 121531Z JUL 68. <2> REFCON RP84-048, 2 OCT 84. <3> CJTFFA DET ONE BANGKOK TH 240354Z JUL 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

18 December 1992

A CASE NARRATIVE ON CASE 1225 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 10-11 DECEMBER 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

CASE: 1225

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

27 March 1975

ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS: LEONARD A. BIRD 1225-0-01, AND JOHN C. HURST  
1225-0-02.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

12 August 1993

ON 15 JUL 93, A SUB-ELEMENT OF IE3 TRAVELED TO THE VICINITY OF CHENG  
HAMLET, HUC VILLAGE, HUONG HOA DISTRICT, QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO INVESTIGATE  
CASE 1225. DURING THIS INVESTIGATION, IE3 FOUND AND INTERVIEWED ONE  
WITNESS WHO WAS WORKING IN THE VICINITY OF THE LOSS LOCATION, BUT HE COULD  
NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THIS CASE. THE JOINT TEAM THEN  
CONDUCTED A SITE SURVEY OF THE LOSS LOCATION ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE AND  
WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY WRECKAGE, PERSONAL EFFECTS, REMAINS OR BURIAL  
SITES. (REF 3)

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING

BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 2 NOVEMBER 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 1226-0-01 (ACCNO 0934) Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED  
Name: MARTIN, LARRY EUGENE Date Status assigned: 3 Nov 1989

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	DATA
Service	AIR FORCE	Sex	MALE	Blood type	A +
Grade	03	Hair	BLOND	Complexion	FAIR
SSAN		Eyes	BLUE	Weapon	.38 CAL PISTOL
Serial No	DATA	Height	72 in / 1.83 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date		Weight	201 lb / 91.1 kg	Duty pos	EWO
Home State	KANSAS	Religion	PROTESTANT	PW Camp	

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

Site Type: CRASH SITE  
UTM: 48QXE601393  
Lat/Long: 173209N / 1063031E  
Country: NORTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 4  
Mission Province: QUANG BINH  
(formerly):  
Mission District: BO TRACH  
Mission Date: 15 Jul 1968 0935L  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES  
Folders Passed: Jun 88, Aug 87  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: DISCREPANCY  
Survivability: (4) Probably in the aircraft at the time of the crash

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type:	F105F	Serial:	8353
Crash Type:	Enemy action	Engine Type:	J75
Call Sign:	BASS 02	1 Serial:	612156
Year:	63	2 Serial:	\$

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